



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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April 19, 2013

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, April 22 7:00pm-9:00pm

**at Poolesville Town Hall
19721 Beall Street, Poolesville**

UCAB members will meet with Town of Poolesville officials and residents to hear their initiatives and thoughts on community issues. The Town has contracted Mike Knapp, CEO & President of OrionBioStrategies, Inc. to help develop an economic development plan and Mr. Knapp will brief the board on the plan's progress thus far.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Charles W. Gilchrist
Center for Cultural Diversity

Extended Registration Period!

Intermediate English: Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 2-June 20, 2013

Registration will be on April 22 & 24, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Gilchrist Center @Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Suite 1100, Germantown MD**

Cost: \$25 for book (cash or check only)

COMMUNITY NOTICE - Construction work near Rock Creek Trail by Lake Frank

An area adjacent to Rock Creek Regional Park's trail located near Lake Frank from Avery Road South to the first pedestrian bridge is undergoing construction conducted by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) in an effort to strengthen sewer lines and prevent future problems. The construction is scheduled to be completed by June 30th. The trail will be open during the construction. Please use caution when accessing or using this portion of the trail.

If you have questions, please contact:

Melissa Chotiner, Media Relations Manager
Public Affairs & Community Partnerships Division
Montgomery Parks / Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
9500 Brunett Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20901
Office: 301.650.2866

REMINDER!

Housing Fair & Financial Fitness Day

Saturday, April 27 10am – 3pm

Activity Center at Bohrer Park

506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

(next to Gaithersburg High School)

Homeowner assistance / renting vs. buying / managing money, credit and utilities / free credit reports!

For more information, call 240-777-3602 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA

Ride On's Annual Food Drive to be Held Week of April 28;

Donate Food and Take Ride On for Free

Ride On bus passengers in Montgomery County can help needy families and receive free bus rides by donating canned or nonperishable food during Ride On's annual food drive from Sunday, April 28 through Saturday, May 4. Or, those who do not ride the bus but wish to donate food can participate by giving their donations to a bus operator at any Ride On bus stop. Food collected through the drive goes to Manna Food Center, which feeds over 3,600 hungry families a month.

During the Give and Ride promotion, food collection bags will be placed near the fare boxes on all Ride On buses. Riders using free shuttles and other transit services can participate by bringing their donations to a Ride On bus. In addition to non-perishable food, children's items are also needed. Disposable diapers, formula, baby or toddler food and juice are especially useful to families in need. Plastic containers are preferred.

All food donations, regardless of the number of cans, will be valued at the regular fare rate of \$1.80. Passengers who transfer buses will need an additional food donation to ride free on the second bus.

Checks made out to Manna Food Center will also be accepted. Writing in "Ride On" on the "For" or "Memo" line in the lower left corner of a check will make it easier to track the success of the program.

For bus stop locations or bus schedules, call 311 or TDD/TTY 240-773-3556. Route and timetable information is also available on Ride On's web site at www.rideonbus.com. SmartTrip® cards and passes can also be purchased online.

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting:

"Our Local Agriculture: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

April 29, 2013 - 7pm

Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Guest Speakers:

Jeremy Criss

Agricultural Services Manager,

Montgomery County Department of Economic Development

and

Colby Ferguson

Business Development Specialist, Agriculture,

Frederick County Business Development & Retention

Planning Board Schedules Public Hearing on Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan (BRT) Thursday, May 16

The Montgomery County Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing on the plan that focuses on the BRT system proposed for the county. The various corridors include north and south routes on MD Route 355 (Frederick Avenue) and will relate to the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) which is planned to serve residents in the Upcounty and areas north of Montgomery County.

To learn more about the Plan, visit <http://montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/highways/brt.shtm>



Selective Service System in Maryland is recruiting to fill a local board vacancy that must be filled by a resident of Montgomery County.

Become a Selective Service System Local Board Member

The Selective Service System wants to hear from men and women in the community who might be willing to serve as members of local draft boards. Local Board Members are uncompensated volunteers who play an important community role closely connected with our Nation's defense. If a military draft becomes necessary, approximately 2,000 Local and Appeal Boards throughout America would decide which young men in each community receive deferments, postponements or exemptions from military service, based on Federal guidelines.

A position is currently open for a resident of Montgomery County. For details on qualifications, click [here](#).

If you believe you meet the standards of Selective Service Board Membership and wish to be considered for an appointment, please contact Region 1 Headquarters at 847-688-4540, or visit <https://www.sss.gov/localboardmembers/bminquiry.asp>

Pedestrian Safety Education and Enforcement Efforts Kick-Off at Seneca Valley High School See details at

<http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/Blog/DOTblog.asp?blogID=25&blogItemID=2191>

County Department of Liquor Control Schedules A.L.E.R.T. Trainings (Alcohol Law Education and Regulatory Training)

Next session: May 6 10am – 1pm

If you own or manage an establishment where alcohol is sold or served, you should attend one of the Department of Liquor Control's training sessions on complying with alcohol beverage regulations. For complete schedule and registration details, visit

<http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/dlc/liquor/LRE/pdf/alertschedule.pdf>

Available for Community's Review ----

Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all jurisdictions entitled to receive funding under various programs to develop a Consolidated Plan for community development no less than every five years, and an Action Plan every year. Our county plan is always due to HUD by May 15 and is made available for public review for 30 days prior to its submission.

By September 30 of each year, the County reports to residents and to HUD on how federal funds were spent and what was accomplished during the previous fiscal year.

The community is invited to review and provide comment on the Plan by 5:00pm on May 14, 2013. Written statements should be sent to:

Richard Y. Nelson Jr., Director
Department of Housing & Community Affairs
100 Maryland Avenue, Fourth Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850
Telephone: 311; TTY number (for the hearing impaired) is 240-773-3556

To see the Plan, visit

<http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/dhctmpl.asp?url=/content/dhca/community/ConPlan.asp>

For News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

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